GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Home (Prisons & Fire Services) Department - Disciplinary proceedings initiated by framing Article of Charges against Sri S.Venkateswara Rao, District Fire Officer (Retired on 30-06-2011), Kakinada, East Godavari District – Written Statements of Defences submitted – Case entrusted to COI for common Enquiry – Enquiry conducted – Enquiry Report submitted – Charges held NOT PROVED – Further action dropped – Orders – Issued.

HOME (PRISONS & FIRE SERVICES) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 518 **Dated: 19-07-2016**
Read the following:

1. From Sri S.Venkateswara Rao, DFO (Retired) representation Dated: 05-09-2012.
2. Govt.Memo.24145/FS.I/2012, dated: 27.07.2013.
3. From the Director General, A.P.State Disaster, Response and Fire Services, Hyderabad, Rc.No.8671/PR/E2/2011,dated 04-12-2013.
4. G.O.Rt.No.853, Home(Pri&Fire)Dept.,dt:11.07.2014.
5. G.O.Rt.No.854, Home(Pri&Fire)Dept.,dt:11.07.2014.
6. Explanation received from Sri.S.Venkateswara Rao, DFO (Retired) East Godavari district, Kakinada, dt:21.08.2014.
7. G.O.Rt.No.273,Home(Pri&Fire)Dept.,dt:10.03.2015.
8. From the Commissioner of Inquiries, General Administration Department, D.O.Lr.No.53/COI.P/2015, dated: 12-11-2015.

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ORDER:

In reference third read above, the Director General, A.P.State Disaster, Response and Fire Services, Hyderabad, has informed that Sri S.Venkateswara Rao, District Fire Officer (Retired) East Godavari District has exhibited grave misconduct and gross neglect and dereliction of duty by issuing No objection Certificates to the existing Multi Storied Buildings in violation of Section 13 of A.P.Fire Service Act, 1999. This delinquency was unbecoming of a Government Servant and was against Rule (3) of A.P.C.S (Conduct) Rules, 1964. The delinquent officer issued No-Objection Certificates to the Multi Storied buildings having the height of 24.00 Meters, 18.00 Meters respectively though he was not empowered to do so. This delinquency was held proved in the enquiry report vide letter dated 09-04-2012.

2. In the reference fifth read above, based on the article of charge furnished by the DG., Fire, AP, Hyderabad, vide reference third read above, a charge memorandum has been issued to Sri S.Venkateswara Rao, District Fire Officer (Retired) East Godavari District (u/s) with instructions to submit his explanation within (10) days of the receipt of this order, and a written statement of his defence.

3. In the reference sixth read above, Sri S.Venkateswara Rao, District Fire Officer (Retired) East Godavari District (U/s) has submitted his written statement of defence and the charged officer requested the kind authority to quash the Article of Charges and drop further action, keeping in view the (33) years of meritorious services rendered by him (President Medal and Seva Pathakam) and also keeping in view of his old age etc.,.

4. In the reference seventh read above, orders were issued appointing Dr. Prem Chand, IAS (Retd.), Member COI, as the Inquiring Authority to conduct Detailed Enquiry into the charges framed against the Charged Officer. The Inquiring Authority has submitted his Report of Enquiry vide reference eight read above, holding the charges framed against the Charged Officer, i.e. Sri S.Venkateswara Rao, District Fire Officer (Retired), East Godavari District as **NOT PROVED**.

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5. Government, after careful examination of the matter, have decided to accept the Findings of the Inquiring Authority, viz., COI(P), in respect of the Sri S.Venkateswara Rao, District Fire Officer (Retired), East Godavari District and to drop further action against him.

6. Accordingly Government, hereby order to drop further action against Sri S.Venkateswara Rao, District Fire Officer (Retired), East Godavari District in the above Disciplinary case.

7. The Director General, State Disaster Response and Fire Services, A.P., Hyderabad shall take further necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

A.R.ANURADHA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To,
The Director General, State Disaster Response and Fire Services, A.P., Hyderabad.
Sri S.Venkateswara Rao, District Fire Officer (Retired), East Godavari District
through Director General, State Disaster Response and Fire Services, A.P., Hyderabad.

Copy to:
The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, A.P.V.C., Hyderabad.
The General Administration (COI.P) Department, A.P., Hyderabad.

//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER